

GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE MEETING: 23rd SEPTEMBER 2019

SUBJECT: AUDIT PROGRESS REPORT – SEPTEMBER 2019

REPORT OF THE STRATEGIC FINANCE MANAGER

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To enable the Committee to consider and comment upon the external auditors' regular Audit Progress Report covering the period up to September 2019.
- 1.2 The report will be presented by Diane Harold, a Senior Manager at Mazars and the Authority's Senior Engagement Lead.
- 1.3 The reports are a regular feature on this agenda and are aimed at providing updates of the progress made by our external auditor in meeting and fulfilling their role and responsibilities to the Authority and also in addition to provide articles and updates that may be of interest to members of the Committee.
- 1.4 In Section 1 of the report there is confirmation that the Authority complied with the statutory completion date for its audited accounts for 2018/2019 of 31st July 2019 and further that they are to present their Annual Audit Letter for 2018/2019 to members. This appears as a separate item on today's agenda. They also point out that they will be shortly commencing their audit planning work for the 2019/2020 Accounts.
- 1.5 The report in Section 2 highlights emerging issues and national publications that may be of interest to members in their role on the Governance Committee.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to note the attached report.